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Allora QCWA Celebrates 101 Years



Members of the Allora branch of the QCWA gathered for their meeting on Tuesday and took the opportunity to cut the celebratory birthday cake. QCWA Border Division President Sharon Hannah did the honours watched on by members Caroline, Maree, Gail, Jill, Mary, Tracey and Lyn.

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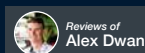
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Letter to the Editor...

Dear Editor,

I would like to use your publication to reach out to all Allora golfers, whether they be playing competition golf or enjoying a social round.

We constantly request people who enter the golf course to respect our property and equipment. This must also be the case with us as golfers respecting our neighbours property.

It has been brought to my attention that golfers are climbing the fence that runs down the left hand side of the third fairway to retrieve golf balls, potentially causing damage to the fence and upsetting livestock. This is despite the club being put on notice several times in the past that anyone trespassing on that property and/or touching the fence, being subject to prosecution by the land owner.

Our neighbour has advised me that he is close to following up on his threat to prosecute trespassers. This is a situation that simply should not have occurred. He is an extremely reasonable fellow and has been a terrific neighbour for many years.

The Allora Sports Club accepts no liability for any golfer climbing the fence and entering the property in question. If you enter the property from the golf course and are prosecuted, you will be on your own. The Sports Club will erect several "no trespass" signs along the fence and it will form part of your responsibility in playing golf on the Allora course that these be obeyed.

You will be asked to immediately leave the course if you are witnessed climbing the fence.

Your faithfully,
 John Ellwood
 Secretary Allora Sports Club

Wattles Warriors Are In Good Hands With Many Talented Young Players Coming Up The Ranks

Junior player Will Sheppard was awarded the Encouragement Award at the Wattles 2023 Awards and Presentation held at Clifton on Saturday. (see page 11 for more photos from the night).



Junior Wattles Warrior Will Sheppard.

Life Membership For Amanda



Wattles Warriors Club President of the past four and a half years Amanda O'Halloran was awarded Life Membership at Saturday night's Banquet and Presentations held at the FE Logan Hall in Clifton.

From her baby days back in 1970 Amanda was a regular football attendee with a family devoted to the Wattles Club. That devotion continues to this day.

She enjoyed the connection with the Wattles Club through her family and that of her late husband Michael O'Halloran and his family.

She has been an active volunteer with the club since the mid 1980's, and was judged Wattles Rugby League Club Princess in 1989.

At around 10 years of age, Amanda was a club cheerleader in the late

1970's and early 1980's, with her sister Catherine and cousins.

While a committee member she at times filled roles of assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer in various years.

Amanda's volunteer roles involved raffle ticket selling, canteen duties, clubhouse bar duties, clubhouse cleaning, club apparel, promotions among many other roles, including helping arrange fund raising events. And when needed assisted with ground preparation such as marking, irrigating and mowing at Clifton and Allora.

She also held club support positions on the joint Wattles senior/junior club's clubhouse committee and the Clifton Recreation Ground committee with other sporting groups.

Amanda served as Wattles Senior Vice-President in 2018 and 2019, before taking on the President role in mid-2019.

She has always performed her duties to the absolute highest level as the club's leader, go to person and representative on the

Toowoomba Rugby League.

Regardless of the President role, she performs tasks at all levels on match days along with running the club week in week out, all while operating a successful business in Binny Bowe Boutique in Clifton.

She also steps forward as a major sponsor of the club, and indeed a significant sponsor of so much in the Wattles Allora-Clifton community region.

For a decade in the 2000 / 2010's Amanda was absent from the Wattles while she carried out the role of Secretary of the Queensland Rugby League South West Division Juniors.

Amanda has also been active with the Wattles Junior Rugby League club for some years prior to 2018, as a team official and also a coach. Her daughter Chloe is a player.



Amanda O'Halloran.

The Wattles Rugby League Club is honoured to recognise a person of Amanda's calibre, her club and community standing, with almost 40 years involvement with the club.

Information supplied by Glyn Rees

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Kaye Mullins

As a valuable member of the Allora community, Kaye is one busy lady who quietly goes about making things happen.

Being a Dairy Farmer for most of her life Kaye appreciates the value of hard work which makes her a wonderful volunteer. We believe she still turns up at the family farm to help with milking the cows.

Kaye is Treasurer of the Allora & District Historical Society and has been a member for many years. Her knowledge and memory of Allora and District history is invaluable. She has even written an article for the Society



on the history of dairy farming.

Other reasons why Kaye needs a huge pat on the back – she's a Steward at the Allora Show, volunteer at the Scope Op Shop, helps at Days for Girls Meetings and is often seen selling raffle tickets in Herbert Street.

Thank you Kaye – Allora appreciates everything you do!

Let's Slime The Principal

What kid wouldn't enjoy this?

This Friday Allora P-10 students who raise over \$100 have the opportunity to slime Principal Megan so keep the donations coming in. She thinks (or hopes) slime is good for the hair and complexion.

Students raising more than \$10 will receive a prize.

This is all part of the Colour Run being the Allora P & C main fundraiser for the year.

There's a call out to parents who can assist in the set up, pack down and of



course, splashing the colour.

Volunteers are always needed in the Tuckshop so if you can help it would be appreciated.

Next meeting of the P & C is this Thursday 19 October from 6pm.

Allora P-10 State School Awards Evening



standing achievements with a presentation of awards on the night and parents and friends are welcome to attend.

As in the past, the School appreciates financial support by parents, clubs, businesses and school suppliers.

Donations are GST free and receipts will be issued and acknowledged in the 2023 Awards Night program (if received by 15 November).

Please note that the annual Awards Presentation for Years 7 to 10 students will now be held on Tuesday 14 November at 7.30pm and not the original date of 21 November.

Each year the School recognises students' out-

Allora Again Loses Major Event To Clifton

The reason - Allora still has NO community hall to hold large functions.

Saturday night saw the successful Wattles Banquet held at the F E Logan Hall in Clifton.

The agreement previously made with the Wattles was Clifton gets the games, Allora gets the Banquet.

To find out what's happening with our Hall The Allora Advertiser contacted the Southern Downs Regional Council for an update. Here are the responses supplied by a Council spokesperson.

Since Allora's community meeting in March what progress has been made?

RESPONSE: The tender for the Allora Community Hall repairs has been drafted, with an anticipated release this week. In addition, Council accelerated the opening of the Allora Senior Citizens Hall. In a gesture of goodwill and to show appreciation for the community's patience, the hall is available for hire to the public free of charge for six months.

We were told Engineering reports would inform the public on next steps in the progress.

RESPONSE: Initial engineering has informed the current draft tender for

required works and the report was released to the public a couple of months ago. With the planned release of the tender to seek suitably qualified contractor/s, this original engineering report has been used as the basis to refine the scope and ensure those immediate works are identified and addressed first, where possible and budget allows.

It was suggested that Hall Updates would be provided in The Allora Advertiser.

RESPONSE: Updates will be provided to The Allora Advertiser when available and appropriate to release.

What exactly are the problems with the Hall?

RESPONSE: There is significant damage to the roof structure of the Allora Community Hall, which further extends to the flooring system and load bearing walls. Council has a duty of care to the Allora community and will only reopen the hall once it is safe to do.

When can locals expect to be able to use their Hall?

RESPONSE: This is dependent on the tender process, however, early next year is the forecast that has been communicated for a number of months.

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Property prices soar in Regional Queensland

For as long as anyone can remember the topic of property prices has always been a major conversation piece around the BBQ or office morning tea, but today the discussion takes on a new level of hysteria, especially if you are renting or buying.

While time in general history is often measured as B.C. (before Christ) time when discussing property prices is also measured as B.C. but in this case meaning before Covid.

The Covid epidemic is blamed for turning the property market on its head and from today's perspective the epidemic in soaring and fluctuating house prices continues with no sign of changing any time soon.

Throw in strong inflation and we have a perfect storm for soaring property prices.

Figures released recently by Prop Track Home Price Index make startling reading especially if you are in the market for a home, either renting or buying.

Brisbane home prices are up 51.4% compared to pre Covid prices but the news is better (or worse depending on perspective) in Regional Qld where the increase is 55.3%.

If the price increases are not enough for first time home buyers then the acute shortage of houses for sale or rent is another major cause for concern.

If you think these issues only exist in Brisbane and the

One good reason why people want to live in Allora



KLC Photography

This beautiful Allora Sunset was captured by photographer Katelyn Caldwell.

other capital cities then think again because Allora property market faces the same issues.

Allora prices are on the increase with a similar problem of limited to no homes for sale.

Rents have increased along similar lines, that is, if you can find a home for rent.

Sheridan Ruhle of Properties Ruhle said Allora is a "hot spot" for sales with demand outstripping supply and confirmed that there are no rental properties available at the present time.

Trying to determine when the real estate market might return to normal is difficult if not impossible to determine.

The equation is complicated by the nation's current high level of migrant intake, the Reserve Bank's use of raising interest rates to curb inflation and the building industry's slow rate of overcoming the national shortage of houses .

A very good crystal ball is

needed to determine when the property market will cool down and return to something approaching normal.

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Allora's Matthew Denny, the reigning Diamond League Champion and Australia record holder, is locked and loaded to put on a show in the Men's Discus.

"I've spoken for a long time saying that I can get to the top of men's discus, obviously I didn't do it at the World Championships but I did at the second biggest meet of the year. It was really nice to confirm my own sanity that I am one of the best guys out there," Matthew said.

Since being defeated by New Zealand's Connor Bell at the Maurie Plant Meet in

2023, the Allora product has dialled up his credentials, throwing two Australian records and achieving fourth place at the World Athletics Championships, with the fan-favourite now eager to throw as the man to beat in front of a capacity crowd on home soil.

"With athletics, it doesn't always have to be a massive stadium to have an incredible environment. I've had really good moments this season with getting people involved, and Melbourne is one of those venues where if you pack it out, we can bring a lot of fun and entertainment." Matthew Denny said.

Next year's Meet is expected to be even bigger than the inaugural edition of the Maurie Plant Meet in 2023 which saw over 6,000 fans flood through the gates to witness greatness in the form of the world's fastest man Fred Kerley and a host of hometown heroes.



Matthew Denny.

Allora Bowls Notes



Kelly, Ryan, Mark, Bec and Dave Smith.

Jackpot of \$175 was not won by Dave Smith, so a massive \$200 next week, be early to get your tickets as only 100 are being sold.

Touchers for chocolates were won by Trevor, John E, Nat, Garry S (Gazza), Glen H and Kevin. So much disappointment when someone gets a toucher either side of the bell, they are a much sort after prize.

Winners on the night after a rattle of the tin on Rink 4 were Pig Lures and Losers also on Rink 4 were Cool Cats.

We had a new button pusher, thank you Kelly who also managed to score a raffle prize.

A special thank you to Ryan for having that great music pumping each week. Aidan from Thunder Thugs entertained us with some great dance moves. Many thanks to all our sponsors and helpers, it makes for a great social night of bowls.

See you all back again next week for Round 8 of Tuesday night social bowls.

Results - **RINK 1:** Stone Cutters 11 d. What A Show; **RINK 2:** Do It Again 14 d. Gina's Babies 10; **RINK 3:** The Three Stooges 15 d. Generation Gap 8; **RINK 4:** Pig Lures 17 d. Cool Cates 5; **RINK 5:** Phoenix Rising 20 d. Thunder Thugs 14; **RINK 6:** Doesn't Matter 18 d. Peaky Blinders 7; **RINK 7:** The Gecko's 16 d. Beers, Bowls & Bitches 6.

Raffle winners - Brett,

Allora Golf Report



3rd: Neil Chandler & Max Bielefeld - 62.5 points.

Nearest the pin: 4th/13th - Mark and John Ellwood, 7th/16th - Jim Anderson and Alex Pardella-Collie, 8th/17th - Tom Brown and Nick Lake.

Approach shots: 5th/14th - Wayne McKewen and Aaron Simpson, 6th/15th - Wayne McKewen and Aaron Simpson.

Upcoming events:

Sunday - Ty Gardner Concreting Monthly Medal.

Matchplay - 5 November - 17 December - see golf captain Hethe to put your name down to play if you haven't already.

Allora Clifton Anglican Parish golf day - Saturday 4 November. Enter your team in a 4-ball ambrose by phoning 0408 798 763 or 0447 728 227.

Friday - Duck Run.

Thank you Allora Hardware - The winners for this week were: 1st: Kym Williams - 21 points, 2nd: Errol May - 21 points.

Noel, Hethe, Rod, Shannon and Tom Brown all won a ball in the rundown.

Approach shot on the 15th: Wayne McKewen.

Long putt on the 10th: Shannon Gardner.

Sunday - 2-ball ambrose

- Thank you Allora Sports Club - 1st: Len Hoey & Kev Hurley - 57.5 points, 2nd: John & Russell Sparksman - 60.75 points,

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Wattles Warriors Night Of Nights Club Awards



MC Ian Brady welcomes guests and players to the Club's Banquet and Presentations at the FE Logan Hall in Clifton on Saturday night.



A grade Players Player Nick Van Der Poel with Kellie Brady from Nutrien Harcourts. Nick was also awarded Best and Fairest in A Grade.



Representative Player of the Year Matthew Christensen with Heather Slatter. Matthew was also awarded Best A Grade Back.



Senior Courage Award to Noah Dwyer with Neil Phelan.



Junior Club Man of the Year, Lachlan Stroud with Shelley Duggan.



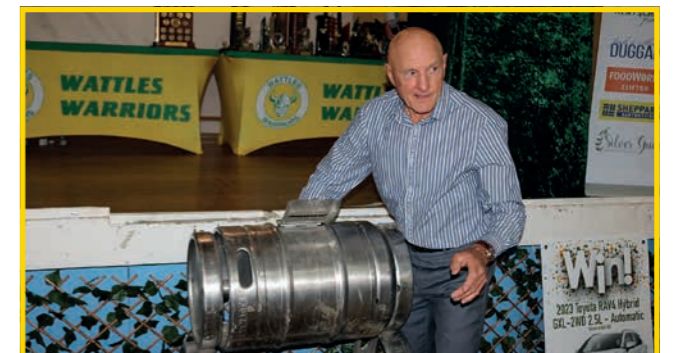
Wattles best Team man - Aaron Scheid with Paul Morris.



Cathy Morris - 2023 Female Volunteer of the Year with Club's Senior Coach, Travis Burns

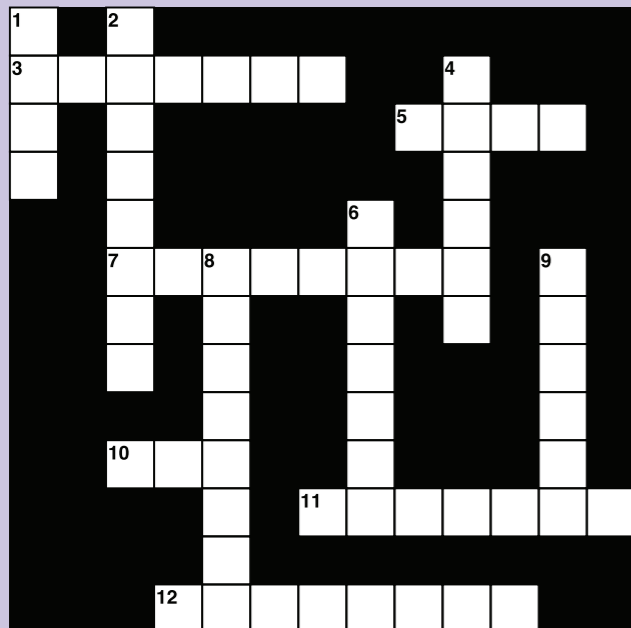


Greg Platz drawing the winning ticket for the Toyota Rav 4. Winner was Wendy Bole a nurse from Warwick.



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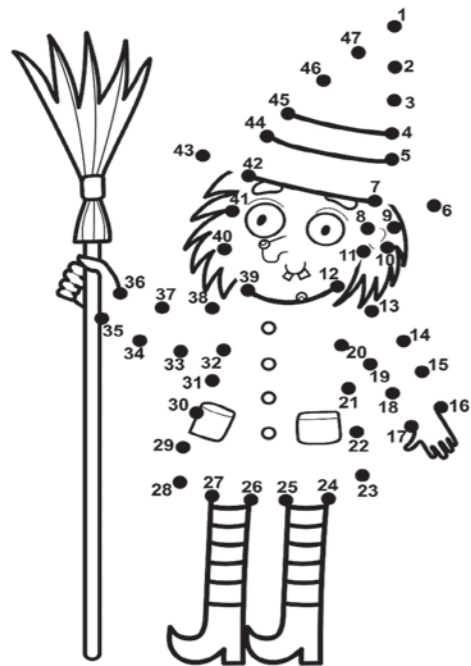
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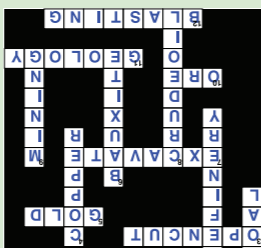
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Sunday, 29th October 2023
2.00pm at Allora Showgrounds.

Nomination forms for executives & management committee available on website allorashow.org.au due in to the secretary by 5pm, 20th October. Email - allorashowsociety@gmail.com

St Patrick's Fete Art Union & Raffle Results for 2023:

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The 100th Annual State Conference of members and delegates will be held at the Cathedral Centre, Neil Street, Toowoomba from Monday 30th October to Wednesday 1st November.

The Official Opening Ceremony of Conference will be on Monday 30 October from 9.00am with Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, QCWA Patron officiating.

To coincide with the Conference the QCWA Exhibition of Creative and Practical Art will be held at St Saviour's Hall corner Neil and Perth Streets.

The Exhibition is free to enter and open to the public from 9.00am to 4.00pm, both Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 October, with catering by QCWA members and the coffee van Revival.

The Expo will showcase the talents and versatility of QCWA members and friends and will also present to the public a diverse range of local artisans including:

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Demonstrations and workshops will be running over the two days.

For further details contact Phoebe qcwaexhibition@gmail.com, The QCWA State Secretary secretary@qcwa.org.au or phone 0438 064 996.



Lamb slaughter set to break 2016 record

This year, sheep slaughter is 16% higher compared to 2022, illustrating an oversupply in the market. The slight easing during Oct–Nov in 2022 is unlikely to occur again this year as weather is favourable on the east coast, leading to a more positive outcome for sheep slaughter in 2023.

This year has been a unique situation because the nation's breeding ewe flock will reach its highest level since 2007 at 46.14 million head.

Given the record supply with sheep slaughter rising, this has likely resulted in the sheep indicators easing by 36–68%.

The price has fallen by 70% for mutton while heavy lamb, which is a more premium product, has fallen by 36%, illustrating how premium lamb indicators are relatively steady when compared to commodity lamb.

With slaughter at record levels, producers may start to see supply of lambs on the market outweighing

processor demand. Coming into the spring flush with new lambs entering the market, older lambs may no longer fall into processor specifications.

The industry definition for an animal to be regarded as 'lamb' is 'young sheep under 12 months of age or which do not have any permanent incisor teeth in wear'. When a sheep reaches 12 months or breaks teeth, whichever comes first, they become 'mutton'.

As of 12 October, the mutton indicator is 121¢/kg cwt, versus the trade lamb indicator at 454¢/kg cwt. If a producer is unable to find space for their product



when their stock age out of the lamb specifications, they could be hit with a 26.6% discount.

Key points:

- Young lamb yardings picked up from August and are tracking higher than the same time last year.

Lamb slaughter for 2023 is set to break the 2016 record of 23.6 million.

The bottleneck is putting pressure on producers to find a place for their lambs.

Facts supplied by MLA's Market Information Analysts Erin Lukey and Emily Tan.

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Ty Gardner - Wattles Player of the Year



Ted Rogers presents Ty Gardner with the Clifton Courier Shield, Footballer of the Year.

In front of a packed F.E. Logan Hall at Clifton on Saturday night Wattles Warriors captain Ty Gardner joined the list of club ultimate achievers when he was presented with the prestigious Clifton Courier Shield as player of the year for the 2023 season.

After missing last season due to knee surgery, Gardner kick started his career this season entrusted with the first-grade team captaincy, and led his team to the Toowoomba Rugby League finals series.

The former Toowoomba Clydesdales back-rower was in superb form across the 2023 campaign and was always a leading contender for Wattles ultimate player award.

The Clifton Courier Shield was first presented in 1975, with Gardner now the 49th recipient, after dual winners in 1978 and 2011 and the cancelled 2020 Covid affected season.

Gardner is a familiar face around the Allora/Clifton and Central Downs area with his successful business Ty Gardner Concreting.

Despite being a regular in Toowoomba Clydesdales representative colours from 2018 to 2021, the 27 year old Gardner was a late starter in the game, a mature 19 when he first ran on in a rugby league match, and after a stint with the Warwick Cowboys joined Wattles in 2017 under then coach Gary Lawrence.

In his acceptance speech the team captain offered high praise to coach Travis Burns, coaching staff, his team mates and the club over all, and was focused on 'getting the job done' in 2024.

In a number of speeches on the night, coach Travis Burns rated Gardner's year as exceptional after missing last year and the 2022 premiership win.

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